

**Amendment to the Specification**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, paragraph 1: The present application is related to U.S. Patent No.

       6,092,122 (U.S. Patent Application No. 08/884,979 entitled "Rate Adaptable Modem with Forward Compatible and Expandable Functionality and Method of Operation" filed on June 30, 1997 and U.S. Patent No.        6,073,179 (U.S. Patent Application No. 08/884,959 entitled "User Controllable Applications Program For Rate Adaptable Modem With Forward Compatible and Expandable Functionality" filed on June 30, 1997. Each of those references is hereby incorporated by reference herein for all purposes.

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